

Arbor Heights Elementary School PTA

General Meeting Notes

April 26th, 2012 6:30pm

Arbor Heights Elementary Lunchroom

Present: Lonjina Verdugo, Marianne Weber, Christy Collins, David Wilkie, John Christensen, Ken Coble, Pam Coble, Ann Bury, Shellie Jacobsma, Franklin Hu, Stacie Hart, Susan DeFant, Barb Glascock, Amy Christensen, Jessica Scheibach, Lisa Olson

I. Call to Order / Minutes Approval (John)

II. Chrome Book Update (John)

Tech committee met. Will plan to purchase 26 Chrome Books with the Raise the Paddle money from the auction. Budget has \$3000 left from Robotics Club; motion approved to reallocate and add that to the Raise the Paddle money to purchase four more Chrome Books for a total of 30.

III. Treasurer Report (John/Shellie)

At present we are \$5000 over budget, although these are assumed/projected figures, not actual. Board will review and finalize at next meeting and present for approval at next General Meeting.

Franklin asked if Study Island would be covered next year. Not at present due to budget issues (\$3500), but not a final decision. Franklin will bring stats on usage / cost per different grade level packages to the next meeting.

Christy will get staff feedback of prioritization of past funded projects by the third week of May to help guide budget decision-making as well.

IV. Principal Report (Christy)

Feb/March preliminary numbers indicate 391 enrolled for next year. Number of kids coming are balanced by those who are leaving. There will be 15 teachers for next year (same), although with Mark Ahlness leaving will need to hire another. Christy reviewed information in the Communicator regarding plans for several split classrooms next year. Kids placed in splits will likely be spectrum students. She is asking for parent input. Trying to balance classrooms based on several criteria independent of teacher assignments. AHE is still capped for spectrum seats except grades 1 and 2. We need a bigger building in order to remove the cap.

Question about math waiver – SPS will begin implementing the Common Core State Standards in Grades K-2 and 6-7 beginning fall 2012, with full adoption at all grade levels by 2014. Could use an alternative curriculum such as Singapore Math to get to standards but we are moving away from considering a new curriculum that could go away in a year.

Question about new school logo – AHE will remain the Jr. Seahawks but we have several different logos. Branding Committee will present 3 different brands for staff and students to vote on. Would like to improve school spirit by wearing AHE t-shirts on Fridays with new logo.

V. Carnival (Dana)

Rentals are booked and plans on track. Only have 20% of needed volunteers so far. Sign-up sheet passed around. Please respond to emails.

VI. PTA Board Elections (Ken)

New officers nominated and elected for next year:

President	John Christensen
Vice President	Ken Coble
Secretary	Ann Bury / Stacie Hart
Treasurer	Shellie Jacobsma

VII. New Business (John)

Upcoming events:

Spring clean-up day – this Saturday

May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you cards from kids encouraged over gifts.
May 16 th	Principal Coffee Chat
May 17 th	General PTA Mtg
May 24 th	Spring Concert
June 2 nd	Carnival
June 21 st ?	Kindergarten/5 th Grade Graduation Day. Not sure if it will be on the Thursday that week.